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Letter to Rev. William Meade

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^{Ms. A. C. 250305}
Boston 5th March 1828.

Dear Sir

It may appear strange to you that I should address a letter upon a subject with which I may be supposed so little informed. During a recent visit in England I was much and earnestly interrogated touching the Religious doctrines, feelings and habits of the United States. Bishop Chase had at that moment excited much interest and admiration in the Kingdom. I found the most ready listeners to whatever could contribute to their desires on that score. The enclosed letter is from the Pen of Dr Ward then Rector of Great St. Martin in Essex but recently promoted to a Bishoprick, a natural consequence as he had the good fortune in early life to be selected the Tutor of the present

Prime Minister Lord Goodrich - This
Reverend Gentleman was a Curate and
being a good Scholar and a I believe a
better Man was recommended to the Father
Lord Grantham by Dr. Porteus the then
Bishop of London as an eligible person
for the Post of tutor to his son.
Dr. Ward, as did most of the Clergy in
England, ~~took~~^{took} the liveliest interest in
promoting the views of Bishop Chase &
to hear them express their admiration and
veneration of that Apostolic Divine (their
designation of him) would delight the
hearts of all those Christians who glory in
so good and holy a cause. My unvaried
answer to the question as to the effect of
illuminating the Western Wilderness with
the light of the Gospel, would be the defeat
of wicked Politicians in goading the
two most Christianised, freest and

enlightened Nations to destroy their mutual
happiness and moral example upon the
feelings of less favoured Countries. The
George Canning and John Quincy Adams
of forthcoming days will surely find
their designs quite out date.

Most highly interesting, I shall not trouble
you with the Pamphlets which accompanied
Dr. Ward's letter. One was from the Pen
of the Editor of the Theological Review
the other from that of Lord Kenyon, son
of the celebrated Judge presiding Bishop
Chase in all the purity, simplicity and
laboriousness of a Primitive Apostle.
I commit the letter to your pleasure and have
only to beg your pardon, should my views
in presenting it be considered obtrusive.
With much respect for your character &
every wish for your welfare & happiness
I remain

R A Wormeley.

The Rev. Wm. Meade
near Millwood
Frederick County
Virginia

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